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1. The East German high-vacuum tube industry is suffering from the lack of plated P2 and PN bands. In early February 1954 VEB Werk fuer Fernmelde-
wesen RFT¹ reported to the Main Administration for Radio and Telecommunications
(HF RFT) of the East German Ministry for Machine Construction that its
supplies of this item are entirely exhausted. The plant reported that
it urgently required 400 kilograms of P2 band 0.2 millimeters thick and
300 kilograms of PN band 0.15 millimeters thick for February 1954.
Similar reports of shortages of supplies and urgent immediate needs
came in to HF RFT from almost all the other plants of the East German
high-vacuum tube industry.
2. Attempts undertaken in late 1953 by VEB Halbzeugwerk Auerhammer to
produce the band have failed. The East German high-vacuum tube
industry remains dependent upon imports.
3. On 8 February 1954, 8.9 tons of P2 and PN band were dispatched by an
unidentified firm in Wickede (Ruhr), West Germany, to East Germany.
The delivery was camouflaged as regular iron band.

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1. ¹ Comment: The new name, as of 1 January 1954, for the HF plant,
Berlin-Oberschoeneweide.

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